

February 1, 2010

Mayor Arvest Turner
P.O. Box 8
Ninety Six, SC 29666

Dear Mayor Turner:

For many years, the Ninety Six Welcome Center was a small one (1) room facility that was not inviting to our community needless to say to visitors. In 2006, the Greenwood County Council realizing that Ninety Six needed a more adequate Visitors Center donated \$175,000 toward the construction of a new facility. Upon the architect's review of our needs, we realized that additional funding would be required. The Historic 96 Development Association applied for and received an additional \$175,000 through S.C. Budget and Control to make the new facility a reality.

The proposed project was to provide a welcoming Visitors Center, a gallery/meeting room and office spaces for the H96DA and the Ninety Six Chamber of Commerce both serving as preservationists and promoters of the Town of Ninety Six.

Therefore, in keeping with the original project proposal and in response to your inquiry of our interest in relocating the H96DA office to the Depot, we choose not to relinquish our office space in The Ninety Six Visitors Center.

We look forward to continually working in a cooperative manner with each Town entity to help preserve and promote our great Town of Ninety Six and its surrounding area.

With Regards,

William H. Long II
President, H96DA

Charles Harts, Executive Director Ruth B Forrest Elliott Richardson

Donna Wells, Secretary Mary E. Harts Charles Stevens

Paul Johnson, Treasurer Sylvia Herlong